# COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 1122

**Monday,** *the* $\frac{\textit{18th November 1946.}}{\textit{3rd Vrischigam 1122.}}$

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half-past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble President (Sir George Boag, K. C. I. E., C. S. I.) in the Chair.

Messrs. M. O. Thomakkutty, T. V. Kochuvareed, L. M. Pylee, V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan and Choudury G. S. Dhara Singh and Mrs. Dhakshayani Velayudhan were absent.

## 1. SWEARING IN OF A NEW MEMBER

Mr. K. Govinda Menon, Comptroller of Finance and Accounts was sworn in.

## 2. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### DIRECT PAYMENT TO AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

**1. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** (*Vadakkancheri*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the system of direct payment to teachers in aided primary schools has been put into practice;

(*b*) what are the arrangements made to see that the teachers get all the sixteen annas in the rupee;

(*c*) whether there have not been complaints from managements regarding direct payment?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The grant bill will be passed only after the acquittance signed by teachers reach the offices of the Inspectors concerned.

(*c*) Yes.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, why the Government order sanctioning direct payment to teachers has not been as yet put into practice?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* On account of the representations received both from the managers and the teachers, Goverment are again considering the question.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* May I take it, Sir, that the teachers are not satisfied with the orders of the Government ordering direct payment to them?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* The assumption underlying the question is not completely correct. Their objection is not with regard to direct payment as I understood it, but to direct payment only of a certain proportion of their salary.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Government is seriously considering the question of paying the whole of the salary, *i.e.*, 16 annas in the rupee, direct to them?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* Government are not now paying it to the aided school teachers. Those who pay them are the managers. Government are only paying the grant to the managers.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* In the light of the previous answer it is that I put it. That the percentage of the grant that is allowed to the managers is originally proposed to be paid direct. On that question, both the teachers and the management have complained. On the teachers' complaint the Hon'ble Minister was pleased to say that their



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complaint was not about direct payment, but for their being paid only 75 per cent to 87½ per cent of their pay. Therefore in the light of the answer it is that I ask whether the Gvernment is seriously considering the question of paying the full amount, *i.e.*, all 16 annas in the rupee.

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* But all the 16 annas in the rupee are not with the Government, and the teachers are not, as I understand, concerned with what the quantum of grant is.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* Man I know with respect to (*b*) wheter the grant bills are not being passed only after the acquittance for the 16 annas in the rupee signed by the teacher reaches the office?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* Yes; that is the present arrangement.

**Mr. P. Kuaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vaakkancheri):* What are the arrangements made?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* The question is as to the present practice.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* What are the arrangements made?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* These are the arrangements made.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* May I take it that the Government are under the bonafide belief that the teachers are being paid now all the 16 annas in the rupee for the reason that their acquittance for 16 annas in the rupee should reach the office before the portion of the grant is sanctioned by the Government.

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* Government are under no such illusion.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* Then what exactly is the position of the Government?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* The question is—"what are the arrangements made to see that the teachers get all the 16 annas in the rupee"—and the answer is, these are the arrangements made.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* Therefore we have to be satisfied with that, Sir. Very good.

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen** *(Irinjalakkuda):* May I know whether the teachers of aided schools can expect to get 16 annas in the rupee in their hands?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* They can expect to get it from to-day.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether that expectation of theirs enunciated by the Hon'ble Minister will be realised by them?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* Yes, Government will see to that.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether there is not a circular that when once they sign their acquittances no manner of complaints will be admitted even though they will not be paid the other portion?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* Because acquittance is receipt and when an acquittance is taken no Government can say that money has not been received.

**Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi):* Is it not a fact that the teachers are not getting 16 annas in the rupee?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* I said it is so.

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen** *(Irinjalakkuda):* Is it the Government position that when a receipt has been taken for the full 16 annas in the rupee and when that amount has not been paid, that it is not a forgery?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* There has been absolutely no complaint till now that any manager has forged any receipt. If the money has not been paid in full I don't think it is a forged receipt.

## HEALTH MINISTERS' CONFERENCE AT NEW DELHI

**2. Mr V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan** *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) who all represented Cochin at the recent Health Ministers' Conference at New Delhi;

(*b*) what is the outcome of the conference;

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